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Bob Odom, Commissioner

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Louisiana is ready to rebuild, revitalize and reclaim what was taken away by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Where do we begin?



Hurricane Rita blew fluffy, white cotton to the ground in Red River Parish. Producer Michael Simpson said his yields were cut in half by the storm. Photo by Michael Simpson.

By Ashley Rodrigue

It's a question many people are asking but the answers are complex and often evolving. Putting out fires, climbing mountains, overcoming obstacles – it's what Louisianans are doing every day, especially those affected both personally and professionally by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Not only did they lose the homes that offer calm in a sea of turmoil, but they also lost their livelihoods and ability to provide for their families.

Just when the issues are outlined and the tasks are ready to be tackled, another problem seems to rear its ugly head. State agencies like the Department of Agriculture and Forestry are working hard to help constituents solve the problems they face and prepare for the future.

Many industries are feeling the pains of Katrina and Rita at this very moment, but for others the addition of insult to injury will come

months and even years down the road. For agriculture and forestry and its related businesses, the chronic taste of disaster lingers in the mouth both today and tomorrow.

"There are industries in this state that were punched and went down instantly, but their recovery begins now and they will make a profit tomorrow. For most of agriculture and forestry, the pain will burn deep and long," Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said. "We're getting things back up and running, but it could be years before some farmers and landowners can make a living again."

Forestry, cotton, sugarcane, nurseries, aquaculture and livestock, to name a few, are all suffering in their own way, but Louisiana agriculture has a strong voice and the message of Louisiana's farm crisis following the hurricanes has been delivered. Since hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck, Odom met with USDA Secretary Mike Johanns twice to ask for assistance for Louisiana farmers. Odom carefully outlined several strategies for helping Louisiana farmers get back on their feet. The only pro-

grams announced by USDA so far are the approval to purchase some hay for evacuated cattle and help in removing saltwater from flooded fields. For now, all anyone can do is start over using the resources at hand.

Here's a look at what starting over means to Louisiana agriculture and forestry:

Forestry

This industry will be affected in several ways. Production shut down at mills during the storms. When plants aren't running, they aren't generating profits.

Trees are down or broken all over the state. Many landowners planted the trees to pay for their children's college or to provide retirement income in their golden years. Even if they are able to salvage some of the timber, the prices the landowners will get in a swamped market will not generate the original expected income.

"It is estimated that about two years supply of timber is on the ground. This is a major problem," Odom said. "That much supply will saturate the market."

During his two meetings with USDA

Secretary Mike Johanns, Odom asked for a loan to allow the department to purchase downed timber from landowners, put it in wet storage to preserve it and later sell it, as the market permits, to pay back the loan.

"This would allow us to put money in the hands of landowners immediately so they can pay for clean up work and rebuilding and it would keep the market from being flooded with timber all at once," Odom said. At press time, no action had been taken by USDA on this request. Odom said it is basically too late now to salvage the timber. Losses are estimated at more than \$836 million.

Another issue facing the state because of the volume of downed timber and a statewide deficit in rainfall is fire danger. Fuels are high and moisture is low creating an extremely volatile situation.

"It's amazing with all the flooding in south Louisiana; we're still in a drought. Our forestry fire crews and protection leaders are working with fire suppression and prevention teams *See Picking up the pieces, page 2*

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Pat Newman of Folsom Nursery looks at a banana plant crushed by a pine tree during Hurricane Katrina's powerful winds. Newman said the nursery sustained about \$1 million in damages.

from out of state to get the message out to the public that burning is not safe at this time," Odom said. "Additional firefighting equipment and manpower have been brought in from across the country and our crews have been fighting fires every day. But, we need cooperation from the public. The more we work together, the fewer fires we'll have to worry about."

Odom said he is extremely concerned about the Florida Parishes where debris burns have recently sparked about 66 percent of the wildfires in the area.

"I know people want to clean up and clear their land, but please wait to burn. It's just not safe right now. You don't want to risk burning your home just as you're starting to put it back together," Odom said.

Row crops

Several of the state's major row crops were, for the most part, harvested by the time hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit the Gulf Coast. For the producers who had not completed harvest and for the sugarcane and cotton producers who were just beginning harvest – the hurricanes wreaked havoc in fields from St. James Parish all the way up to Franklin Parish and over to Red River Parish.

Sugarcane harvest, which usually begins around Oct. 1, was slightly delayed because of downed cane, muddy fields and debris in the fields – which included huge propane tanks, oxygen bottles and even houses. Although cane has the ability to upright itself after a storm, if it twisted or lodged the damage is irreparable and will affect yield and production for several years.

Most producers said this year looked to be promising for sugarcane prior to the storms, but losses are currently estimated at more than \$266 million from both hurricanes. According to the LSU AgCenter, the

total includes losses of recently planted cane, reduced harvest efficiency and broken stalks. The estimate does not include a presumed production loss of 10 to 15 percent for the 2006 crop. Farmers will have to consider the high cost of fuel versus the anticipated production decreases caused by the storm when they decide whether or not to harvest some of this year's crop.

A little farther north, fluffy white cotton was blown to the ground and saturated by rains. Cotton on the ground cannot be harvested and many producers have said the cotton left to harvest is lower grade.

Michael Simpson, a cotton farmer in Red River Parish, wrote in an email to the department, "We returned to picking cotton on Sept. 28 (four days after Rita) and found our yields per acre had been reduced by approximately 50 percent. We also believe the cotton grades will be adversely affected, but will not obtain this information until ginning is complete."

Similar stories are being shared by other row crop producers every day. Rice producers saw flood waters, some of it salt water, invade their bins ruining the rice stored at the lower levels. Presprouting occurred in many instances and farmers couldn't run driers because there was no electricity and they didn't have generators large enough to power the driers. Losses are estimated at more than \$12 million.

Soybean producers lack elevators to take their beans because the power is still out in some areas. Another problem was the closing of the Mississippi River and major ports. Barges and ships were unable to pick up grain and elevators were full. Losses to soybean producers are estimated at \$5.1 million.

These producers not only had losses in the field. Many of them also suffered damage to or lost barns, equip-

ment, storage rooms and their homes.

Odom has requested that the USDA forgive all federal crop loans and pay back bank loans for crops to help aid farmers. The only assistance currently available to producers through USDA is money to repair fences damaged by downed limbs and trees.

"It's my duty to make people understand we can't turn our backs on agriculture right now. We have to get relief to the producers. If these people go out of business, economies in Louisiana will suffer. They pay taxes; they shop at the mall, buy cars and equipment, go to movies and do everything an urban family does. If you take those dollars out of the economies of cities like Shreveport, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Houma, Covington and New Orleans, everyone will feel it," Odom said.

Programs within the department like Boll Weevil Eradication and the Seed Laboratory could also be affected if some farmers leave the fields to find other work. The boll weevil program is busy repairing and replacing traps blown down by the storms. Inspectors are also combing fields to make sure any boll weevils that may have been in the traps did not reinfest fields.

"Because of upcoming cuts to the state's budget, if we start losing farmers our services will have to be scaled back," Odom said. "These are highly effective programs that help farmers produce more efficiently, but without funding, we can't offer them."

Produce, nursery crops

These crops, which include vegetables, wholesale nurseries, greenhouse vegetables, citrus, pecans and honey, took more than a \$41.9 million hit from the hurricanes. Some producers lost their entire fall produce crop while others, like strawberry farmers, had damage to the fields they were

preparing to plant for spring crops.

Citrus producers in Plaquemines Parish had groves sitting under several feet of saltwater. If those trees are replaced by new ones, it could take five years for the new trees to bear fruit.

In losing the fall crop, producers don't have the cash they need to carry them over to the spring. Many use the money to pay back bank loans or to plant their next crop. The loss of this income and the temporary loss of the New Orleans market will have a major impact on small farmers.

The department's marketing office is working with their contacts in other states to help open new markets for Louisiana food and products.

"New Orleans is a major market for most producers in the state. Strawberries, dairy, nursery stock for landscaping, vegetables – New Orleans' people, hotels and restaurants were a huge market," Odom said. "We're now looking at ways we can get these products sold in other states so our producers can still make a living. Louisiana is known for its food and related products, we're going to try to further capitalize on that popularity."

Where markets are still available, supplies may be affected by production losses. "Someone else from out of state will step in to supply that product and we'll have to fight to get our market back when production returns to normal," Odom explained.

For wholesale nurseries, it's not just the New Orleans market that was lost – some lost their entire inventories.

Pat Newman of Folsom Nursery lost thousands of container plants that would have been used to re-landscape ravaged yards in New Orleans and on the North Shore. Giant pine trees fell to the ground and crushed the plants. The nursery's irrigation system was also destroyed and some greenhouses sustained wind damage. Even if the systems survived, many nurseries were without power to run their irrigation pumps leaving plants without water.

"We managed to salvage what we could but most of the plants are gone," Newman solemnly stated. "We can rebuild and start over but we can't grow 20-gallon azaleas in a year. It's going to be a process."

Her other concern is that homeowners who are struggling financially won't put what little money they have into landscaping.

"The nursery industry is almost at a standstill and will be for a while," Newman said. "We will come back. We will be open for business, maybe not this fall but next year."

Livestock

Beef cattle, poultry, dairy cattle and horses were all adversely affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Combined, the industries report losses totaling more than \$75.5 million.

Cattle and horses were stranded on levees and in high water, dairymen had to run generators to milk and

poultry producers ran generators to keep chicken houses cool. Even without the losses, expenses to keep operating during and after the storms were high. Add to that the exorbitant price of fuel and another crisis emerges.

"We did everything we could to help our livestock producers save their animals. Our animal health employees helped rescue stranded animals and organized distribution of hay and water," Odom said. "Ranchers from out of state were generous in donating feed and other supplies and we're very thankful for that. We partnered with the military and were able to deliver large loads of food and fresh water to the stranded cattle."

"This is a trying time for those in the livestock business. Cattlemen are evaluating pastures to see if there's enough forage to get through winter. If not, they'll have to sell their animals," Odom said.

The Future

Life continues for most Louisiana farmers trying to pick up the pieces of their broken homes and broken livelihoods. Members of the U.S. House of Representatives' Agriculture Committee were in the state touring affected areas and listening to farmers in mid-October. Odom took the opportunity to once again outline programs that would help Louisiana agriculture and forestry. The Congressional members promised to take the farmers' concerns back to Washington and try to quickly act on some kind of relief package.

In the mean time, the department continues to work with producers and processors to address their needs.

Most pressing seems to be the issue of staffing and suitable living accommodations while houses are repaired and rebuilt.

"Our marketing office sent a questionnaire to processors and food products companies to find out their specific needs and the majority said housing for employees was number one. Many of the companies were ready to operate but they didn't have the staff to open. Their employees need places to live, to come home to, while their houses are being repaired," Odom said.

Odom's marketing office is also helping companies with badly damaged facilities relocate within the state.

"We need and want these companies to stay here. We cannot afford to lose the jobs and revenue they supply," Odom said. "We've helped one company originally located in St. Bernard Parish find a new plant facility near Henderson. They were looking to leave the state until we stepped in."

It's a trying time for agriculture producers, Odom admitted, but they aren't the type to throw in the towel.

"Farmers and ranchers are resilient people. They don't give up without a good fight. Unfortunately for some, this was the last battle, but for others – they'll keep at it. And my department will be right there with them, helping every step of the way."

Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

Wildfire Danger Extremely High in Florida Parishes

Experts say fuel levels and a lack of moisture make the Florida Parishes a prime candidate for heavy wildfire activity in the coming days, weeks and even months, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

"Conditions are right for major forest fires in St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes," said Fire Behavior Analyst Gary Curcio. Curcio is with a special Southeastern states fire fighting team assisting Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry fire fighting crews in the three parishes.

Currently, 66 percent of forest wildfires are caused by debris fires burning out of control. Odom said, "We understand landowners need to burn hurricane debris, but there is a time to burn. Right now is not the time. We'll let you know when

it's safe to burn again."

Downed timber and dry vegetation in fields and along roadways, combined with low relative humidity creates ideal conditions for a catastrophic fire. Due to the high fire danger, a fire prevention team has arrived to help with public education about how to prevent wildfires.

With more people moving into rural areas, the chance of wildfires destroying family homes is serious. Wildfires resulting from hurricane damage will be a disaster within a disaster. People can't control hurricanes, but they can control when and where they start fires.

In St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes, forest fuel loads are unnaturally high. Forest fuels are materials in forests with the ability to burn.

The potential burn rate of forest

fuels is based on their ability to retain or lose moisture. The amount of moisture in forest fuels depends on the weather's relative humidity. For instance, one hour fuels take only one hour to react to changes in relative humidity. If the relative humidity drops from 50 percent to 35 percent, one hour fuels change their moisture content within that hour. One hour fuels are grass, weeds, leaves, needles and other burnable materials less than 1/4 inch in diameter. These fuels burn rapidly and spread wildfires easily through forested and grassy areas.

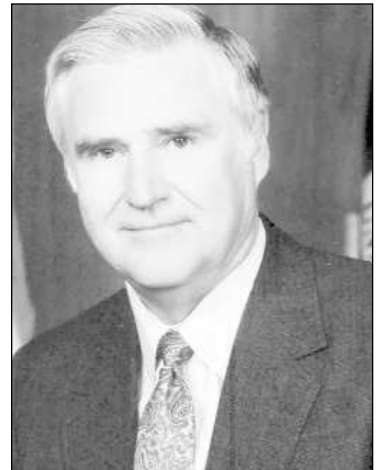
Fire behavior analysts classify forest fuels as one hour (smaller than 1/4 inch in diameter), 10 hour (1/4 to 1 inch in diameter), 100 hour (1 to 3 inches in diameter), and 1,000 hour (larger than 3 inches in diameter) fuels. Right now,

one and 10 hour fuels are actively burning. Since it's been about 30 days without measurable precipitation, 100 and 1,000 hour fuels are becoming available to burn with increasing ease.

With fuels burning more easily than normal, fires in these parishes will burn hotter and longer, and require follow up action after the fire is stopped to prevent fires from restarting.

Louisiana is currently in its historically driest period of the year with no major precipitation expected until mid-November. Increased fuel levels in forested areas, a long dry spell and low relative humidity increases the potential for a major fire in these three parishes.

Currently, the Hurricane Katrina Louisiana State Forestry Assistance Team has about 85 people working in St. Tammany,



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Tangipahoa and Washington parishes to assist Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry fire crews.

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 7-8 mos., sire Leachman Super X50772, MGS, Hyline Rito 598, \$950 obo. Shawn Masters, Jonesboro; (318) 259-7747 or (318) 289-3498.

Reg. Brangus bulls, top bloodlines, 1 yr. & 2 yrs., gentle, \$1500/1. Francis Young, Mamou; (337) 468-3783.

Reg. blk. Limousins, bulls, (1) horned, 18 mos., \$1200; (2) polled, 12 mos., \$1200, cows & heifers also avail., reg. transfer included in price. Michael LeDoux, Rayne; (337) 334-2820.

Reg. Limousin bulls, blk. & red, polled, heavily muscled, very gentle, \$1200/1. Morris Griffin, Raceland; (985) 537-3651.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, heifers & crossbreds, \$850/1-up, less without papers; bred cows, reg. or crossbred, \$1000/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

(10) Brangus heifers, exposed to lbw Angus bull, all shots, \$900/1; (1) Angus bull, 3 1/2 yrs., semen tested, all shots, \$1200; (1) Brangus bull, 22 mos., semen tested, all shots, \$1000. Darrel Duplechin, Eunice; (337) 432-5347.

Brangus cows & heifers, \$975/1-up; reg. Brangus bulls, breeding age. Chip Durand, St.

Martinville; (337) 394-4008.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah heifers, bulls & prs., \$850/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Reg. Texas Longhorns, high quality, excel. breeding, good cond., breeding age bulls, \$850-\$2500/1; heifers, \$700/1-up; prs., \$950/1-up. Dora Garland, Mansfield; (318) 872-6329.

(3) Brangus bulls, 9 mos., Camp Cooley breeding, \$1000/1. Kyle Fontenot, Mamou; (337) 599-2833.

Reg. polled Simm. & Simbrah bulls, 7-20 mos., blks. & reds, all shots, dewormed, good EPDs, very gentle, \$700/1-up. Harold Landreneau, Eunice; (337) 457-0505.

(3) reg. Red Angus bulls, (1) 14 mos., \$1200; (2) 1 yr. bulls, \$1000/1. Wil Sonnier, Lafayette; (337) 654-4498 or (337) 235-7932.

Reg. Char. bulls, top bloodlines, good EPDs, gentle, semen tested, all AI, \$1400/1-up. Hilary Watson, Montpelier; (225) 777-4558.

Reg. pb Char., 35 yrs. Char. breeding, Duke Tundra, Wallstreet bloodlines, cert. herd bulls, 12-27 mos., \$950/1-up; older cows, bred, \$1000/1-up. Ivy Guillot, Sr., Marksville; (318) 253-8300 or (318) 305-2003.

(5) reg. Brangus, 3/N/1s, w/first calves, \$2600/1-up. Wade Richey, Carencro; (337) 886-2739.

(10) blk. Angus bull yrlgs., can be reg., \$650/1-up. Delos Thompson, Jr., Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

Reg. Char. heifers, Budsmiyad & Big Sky breeding, polled, bangs vacc., very gentle, all very fancy, all nice, \$800/1. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmiyad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. W. Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Santa Gertrudis bulls, 8-10 mos., polled, papers in buyer's name, \$800/1. Chester Davis, DeRidder; (337) 463-4758.

Pb Texas Longhorn bull, red & wh., good horns, 2 1/2 yrs., \$500. Glynn Pitre, Houma; (985) 851-5645 or (985) 226-3786.

Polled Hereford bulls, 9 mos., performance bred, great EPDs, gentle, all shots & wormed, \$800/1-up. Laura Hughes, Zachary; (225) 658-5348.

Pb Char. bull, 16 mos., breeding age, no bad habits, very gentle, polled, semen tested, straight back line, \$1400. Philip Melancon, Church Point; (337) 873-6232.

Reg. Char. bulls, Duke bloodline, 15-18 mos., no bad habits, polled, straight back line, semen tested, \$1600/1-up. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Beefmaster bulls, several young red bulls, 12 mos.-3 yrs., (2) classified U1/3, Red Tiger & Jazzman sons, w/calves to show, CFH#88-691, \$1200-\$2500/1. Mel Jackson, Alexandria; (318) 443-0203.

Reg. show cattle, (2) Brahman bulls & (1) Brahman heifer, all 18 mos., halter broken, \$1500/1 obo. Marion Aucoin, Walker; (225) 664-8593 or (225) 278-6299.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, Dateline & Traveler bloodline, 17 mos., ready to breed, \$2000. Steve Barbo, Olla; (318) 495-3640.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, excel. EPDs, 20 mos., Grandson Bando 598, sire Darnell Place Supream, no bad habits, \$3000. Paul Hebert, New Iberia; (337) 229-6792 or (337) 577-6136.

Calves for sale, heifers & bulls, \$150. Kurt Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

Jersey & Holstein nurse cows, some w/calves, \$700/1-up. K. Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

Reg. red Devon bulls, 10 mos., polled, gentle, New Zealand bloodline, excel. for cross breeding & grass finished beef, \$1000/1. Bobbie Womack, Greensburg; (225) 222-4581 or (225) 933-9245.

Reg. Simm. bulls, polled, 2 yrs., moderate frame, dark red, easy to

maintain & contain, current semen test & health papers, \$1200/1. Betsy Gouedy, Dubach; (318) 255-4330.

(78) 2-4 yr. Brangus cows, bred, w/2nd calf, excel. herd, \$1200/1. Ken Gremillion, Marksville; (318) 253-6253.

Reg. 5/8, 3/8 Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, \$800/1-up; bred heifers, \$1400/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1700/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

5 yr. reg. Angus w/600 lb. reg. bull calf, \$2250/pr. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bull, ready for service, Spartacus bloodline, \$900. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

(9) reg. Brangus bulls, (2) Angus plus bulls, 16-19 mos., gentle, forage tested, \$1300-\$1700. Ronald Chiasson, Larose; (985) 693-7218.

Reg. Brangus bull, 18 mos., super nice, son of Leader of Brinks 302L & dam is paternal sister to Challenger, the breed's #2 ranking marbling sire & dam of Lean Gun Brinks 222K14, the leading AI sire, \$2000. T. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

Brangus yrlg. bull, sire Rumor of Brinks, lbw, REA, .51, YW, 50.2, out of nice Brangus cow, bull has been handled in pasture setting on a regular basis, calm & touchable, \$1500. B. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

Pb Angus bull & heifer, 6 mos. & 1 yr., excel. temperament, \$500. Alan Ryan, Slaughter; (225) 268-3619.

Brangus herd dispersal, approx. (40) cows, due to start calving late Jan., most are reg., the rest are pb, 14 yrs. of selective breeding, top bloodlines & some AI sires, \$1000-\$1250/1 or 1 price for all. Bill Clattenburg, Montpelier; www.clattenburggranch.com or (225) 777-4909.

Pb Gelbvieh bulls, excel. EPDs,

blk., 12-16 mos., \$1500/1. Clint Hollis, Doyline; (318) 745-9940 or (318) 670-1065.

Reg. blk. Angus cow, 4 yrs., w/2nd calf, excel. cow lbw & good milker, \$1800; reg. blk. Angus weaned., w/shots, bull & heifer calves, good bloodlines & lbw, \$750/1-up. Sid Kinchen, Albany; (225) 567-1109.

Herd of Red Angus plus cows, most 1/4-1/2 Brahman, (20) head, sound, functional, grass only, 5-10 yrs., bred or w/calves, \$21,500. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Wanted: (168) 2-3 yr. old cows, bred or not of reg. Brangus, will trade rd. bales of hay. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

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2000 AQHA sorrel mare, w/blaze & 2 hind socks, good bloodline, easy to handle, but spirited, needs experienced rider, \$1300. Cheryl Bousseau, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-6476 or (985) 507-6972.

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9 yr. strawberry roan QH, experienced riders, great drill, trail horse, very sweet, \$1200 obo. Pamela Knippers, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-0698.

AQHA reg. 6 yr. sorrel mare, 15 hands, granddaughter of Jet Injun & Sport Model Ethan, very responsive to cues, 5 mos. pro. training on cows, \$3500. T. Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813.

AQHA reg. 14 yr., chestnut geld., 15.2 hands, this is the hunter/jumper/babysitter that you have been looking for, smooth ride, w/automatic, effortless, lead changes, great for beginner or rider moving up from pony, extremely quite, great manners, \$8500. K. Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813.

Reg. Peruvian Paso horses, trained show/trail mounts & young stock from weans. to broke 3 yrs., all sexes & colors, \$1200/1-up. Sharlane Clattenburg, Montpelier; www.clattenburg ranch.com or (225) 938-5359.

Reg. Peruvian Paso mare, 15 hands, almost 4 yrs., pro trained in bozal, started in bit, very smooth gait, green broke, needs to be finished, easy to catch & handles, \$1200. Bill Clattenburg, Montpelier; www.clattenburg ranch.com or (225) 777-4909.

Miniature donkeys, solids, spotted, jacks 30"-32", spotted, \$400/1; spotted jennies, solids, \$600-\$1000. Brenda Hebert, Covington; (985) 893-7907.

Reg. Thoroughbred, 6 yrs., racehorse, Dancing With Boots, w/6 mos. stud colt, \$3000 for both or trade for cattle of equal value. A. N. Scardina, Baton Rouge; (225) 275-2698.

Jerusalem donkey, 3 yrs. Jenny, \$350. Joseph Santangelo, Pride; (225) 261-3350.

Jennies, bred to paint Jack, some w/colts, small type, 39"-42" tall, \$350/1-up; 2 yr. paint jack, \$225. Wayne Smith, Glenmora; (318) 748-7272.

(2) **miniature** stud ponies, (1) 36" tall, red & wh. paint, (1) 38" tall, red, both gentle, \$600/1. Thomas Harrison, Thibodaux; (985) 448-2349.

4 yr. miniature blk. & wh. stallion, 38" high, \$500. John Slocum, Larose; (985) 632-4968 or (985) 637-6506.

AQHA geld., bay, 5 yrs., Ima Cool Skip, Conclusive, Te N' Te bloodlines, 15 hands, 1000 lbs., \$1200; reg. Arabian geld., bay, 5 yrs., flashy, smooth mover, \$1200. Becky Venable, Greenwell Springs; (225) 261-5611.

AQHA reg. pal. stallion, Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, top & bottom, \$6000 nego. E. J. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. AQHA App. colts, fillies, studs & broodmares, 3/N/1 package, \$1000/1-up. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. TW chestnut fillies & mares, from 6 mos.-4 yrs., some trail ready, some ready to start riding, \$800/1-up. Darin Burge, Walker; (225) 686-1695 or (225) 335-7780.

4 yr. reg. blue papered Missouri Fox Trotter geld., trail ready, loads, clips, ties, shoes, crosses water & bridges, great little trail horse, \$2500. Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

4 yr. reg. Missouri Fox Trotter geld., beautiful dapple gray, ridden on trails, big motor, not for beginners, finish him out for \$2500 or we finish & the price goes up. Donnie Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

2003 APHA cow & performance bred buckskin filly, has (4) wh. socks & blaze, w/partial blue eyes, 30 days riding, started right, 14.3 hands, great conform., little head, gentle to ride, ready for a job, shots & sound, \$1700 obo. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

1996 big stout blk. geld., 15 hands, 1300 lbs., used for team roping, heading pasture roping, team penning & sorting, trail riding, also kids rode him barrel racing, great handle, gentle, good conform., fast, all shots, no bad habits, not reg., \$3500. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

AQHA gray filly, dbl. bred Poco Bueno & Doc's Prescription, well balanced, w/clean neck & head set, very nice, \$1600. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

3 yr. dun filly, Rockets Magic x Black JB Cody breeding, barrel prospect, 90 days riding, \$3500. B. Fontenot, Eunice; (337) 457-5685.

Miniature horse, 34" mahogany bay mare, very gentle, \$500. Vincent Losavio, Torbert; (225) 625-4439.

Miniature horse, 36" blk./wh. pinto mare, very gentle, \$500. V. Losavio, Torbert; (225) 625-4439.

APHA 6 yr. stallion very gentle, DNA tested, \$1800; 7 yr. QH, w/filly, filly is built & sweet as pie, mare is bred to paint stallion,

\$1500. Kent Logan, Marksville; (318) 253-0854 or (318) 308-3170.

Barn destroyed in hurricane, horses must go, cutting bred Doc Bar Sierra Te mare, '01 pal., 16 hands, 1300 lbs., \$3500; '97 blk. QH geld., no papers, King bred, kid safe, 15.2 hands, 1100 lbs., \$1500; '95 Welsh pony, 13.2 hands, 700 lbs., neck reins, kid safe, \$800. Christina Miller, Killian; (225) 695-6746 or (225) 955-1790.

Ranch & arena working bred AQHA horses, by Hero Pudden, (Little Solitario x Puddenhead daughter), by Little Cody Sunshine, (Black JB Cody x Three Chicks Mare) & similar bred mares, 6 mos.-2 yrs., \$975-\$2250. Francine Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

AQHA pal. 2 yr. colt, 45 days, natural horsemanship riding, fast, stout, functional, arena & ranch horse prospect, Hero Pudden x Clark's Red Ant, Little Solitario mare, \$2250, others avail. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Miniature horse stallion, 38", flashy bay, w/blaze, 7 yrs., \$500. Clint Hollis, Doyline; (318) 745-9940 or (318) 670-1065.

AHA stallion, almost 3 yrs., points, w/4 full stockings, excel. bloodline, easy to handle, endurance type, \$2500, or stud service, \$500/\$5 mare care. Patricia or John Markow, Loranger; (985) 878-4230.

AQHA 5 yr. finished gray heading horse, King & Doc Bar bloodlines, made high school state finals July '05, gentle for anyone, \$7500. Joe Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457.

AQHA 3 yr. finished bay heeling horse, Poco Bueno, Hancock & Wimpy bloodlines, reining handle, extremely calm in box, gentle for anyone, \$4500. Joe Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457.

Blk. & wh. App. stallion, Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred, \$5000 nego. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-0457.

(2) **reg. paint** mares, sorrel/wh. & blk./wh., 14.2 hands, great trail horses, \$875. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355.

(2) **gaited colts**, halter broke & gentle, (1) bay, (1) blk./wh. paint, \$300 & \$450. James Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355.

15 yr. blk. TW geld., for anyone to ride, 14.2 hands, \$1000. Ron West, Ville Platte; (337) 224-3002.

Reg. paint filly, Doc O'Lena & Peppy San breeding, very pretty, microchipped & tested, \$600. P. Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

13 yr. blk. & wh. geld., 15 hands, long mane & tail, gentle for kids to ride, \$900. Phyllis Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

AMHR mini horses, cart horse, wh. geld., child proof. & so gentle, also bred mare, broodmare only, \$300/1-up. C. Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

App. horses, yrlgs., broodmares

& riding prospects, \$1000/1-up. Ruby or Jimmy Berry, Marion; www.berryappaloosafarm.com or (318) 292-5178.

16 yr. reg. QH mare, \$2000; 3 yr. sorrel filly, broke to ride, very gentle, \$1000. Brett Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-1270.

Reg. QH filly, 30 mos., sire Brooke Peponita, son of Peponita, dam Clarks Little Bay, daughter of Clarks Red Ant, \$2000. Charles Broussard, Jeanerette; (337) 276-6688.

Rocky/Kentucky Mountain papered 3 yr. filly, blocky, 60 days training, very smooth, 4 beat gait, chestnut, "In Your Pocket" personality, \$2500. Corie Williams, Farmerville; (318) 726-4346.

TW pal. paint, American bred, born April '04, \$1200; TW blk./wh. paint, born April '04, \$600; TW red/wh. paint, born April '04, \$800; reg. QH mare, 17 yrs., \$700. Murl Plunkett, Jonesboro; (318) 259-8743.

App. horses, show prospects, trail horses, from weans. to broodmares, \$500/1-up. R. Huckaby, Jonesboro; call after 5 p.m. (318) 548-6724.

(20) **reg. TW**, gentle, weans., gelds., broodmares, blue roan, red, roan, spotted, bay, sorrel, \$1000/1-up. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

1 1/2 yr. reg. miniature bay colored, \$550 obo. Douglas Wilkinson, Sulphur; (337) 794-6356.

2000 AQHA filly, Doc's Sug, Mr. San Peppy, Doc Bar, Leo San, Mr. Gold O'Lena on papers, \$3000. Charles Arthur, Flourien; (318) 586-7469.

2000 AQHA geld., gallo, Del Cielo, Handle Bar Doc, Doc Bar, Peppy San Badger, Doc's Starlight, Leo San on papers, \$5500. C. Arthur, Flourien; (318) 586-7469.

Saddle mule for wood or trail riding, 14 hands, 8 yrs., gentle & easy to catch, ridden by men & women, \$1200. John Whitaker, Natchitoches; (318) 472-8418.

Pal. saddle horse, beautiful, \$1500. W. A. Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

2004 AQHA, bloodlines makes this a beautiful horse that performs, \$2000, will consider partial trade for child's pony. S. Chandler, Jena; (318) 992-0311.

AQHA weans., Poco Bueno bred stud prospects, (1) dun 25%, \$2500; (1) brown, 30%, \$3000. S. Price, Pollock; (318) 765-2465.

(2) **2004 APHA** blk./wh. stud colts, \$1500/1; (3) '05 weans., APHA, must see. Donnie Parker, Marksville; (318) 253-8244.

App., reg. & non reg., yrlg. stud colts, 2 yr. filly & weans., \$600/1-up. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

APHA reg. mare, 8 yrs., 14 hands, \$1000; Mustang geld., blaze face, 4 wh. socks, unbroke, \$200. Linda Barnes, Bastrop; (318) 281-8675.

Training all breeds, gentle colt starting, ranch using horses, problem horses, training, showing, sales, lessons & overnight boarding. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland,

(318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

Wanted: child's pony, will consider partial trade, '99 AQHA geld. that works quietly. Sheila Chandler, Jena; (318) 992-0311.

STALLION SERVICE

1998 golden pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

2001 bay stallion, 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained, now being shown in cutting, lots of cow, Tanquary Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, \$400/\$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

8 yr. grandson of Puddenhead, bay, star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeannette B. Jackson, Jennings; www.quarter-horse.com or (337) 824-1642.

Shining Sneakers, AQHA open superior reining, circuit championships, NRHA money earner, son of Shining Spark, \$700/\$7 day dry mare care, \$8/wet. Cheryl Borer, Walker; www.borerquarterhorses.com, borerqthorses@aol.com or (225) 667-7415.

Blue roan stallion, 62% Rowdy Blue Man, 31% Blue Valentine, line bred Hancock, (8) prs., of matched chromosomes, will reproduce foals like himself, very nice, must see, \$400/\$5 mare care. Laurie McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

Chestnut stallion, Colonel Freckles, War Leo, Senor George & Son of a Doc, produces extremely nice foals, great disp. & easy on the eyes, \$400/\$5 mare care. Kyle McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

Pal. stallion, Gay Bar King bred, 6th generation pal., 1st breeding season, limited breedings, \$350/\$5 mare care. Mallory McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

Dun stallion, 100% color producer, Doc's Hickory, Doc O'Lena, Peppy San, Sonita's Last, absolutely beautiful, a must see, \$400/\$5 mare care. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

2002 AQHA sorrel stallion, out of excel. working horse stock, Peppy San Badger, Colonel Freckles, Doc O'Lena & Croton Oil Bill on papers, very easy to handle & breed, \$350. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 665-6137.

Straight Egyptians at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac, Tuhotmos, Imperial Imdal grandson, \$750. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

APHA Absolutely Awestruck, 16 hands, beautiful head, big boned, sorrel overo, w/good color, by Mighty Awesome, out of Icy

Coosa AQHA, by Coosa, dam has 56 AQHA points, \$450/\$4.5 dry mare care, \$6.5 wet mare care. Francine Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Hero Pudden, AQHA sorrel, by Little Solitario, by Peppy San Badger, out of Lewisburg Pudden, by Puddenhead, Bob Bar Bay, AQHA point earner, placed in Ft. Worth & Houston, 15.3 hands, 1250 lbs., big frame, big boned, fast, great disp., by Lightning Parr Bar, \$450/\$4.5 dry mare care, \$6.5 wet mare care. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

SHEEP & GOATS

Reg. IBGA fb Boer goat, w/papers, correct color, born 1/04, EGGS (ennobled) Sasquatch bloodline, \$300. Luke Begnaud, Arnaudville; (337) 754-5640 or (337) 331-3048.

Percentage Boer goats, (2) does, 3 yrs., bred to fb Boer goat, (1) doe, 6 mos., \$125/1-up. L. Begnaud, Arnaudville; (337) 754-5640 or (337) 331-3048.

(3) heavy-bred wh. hair sheep, Texas Dahls, \$90/1; (3) heavy-bred nannies, \$90/1. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

Reg. ADGA Lamancha bucks, nice, milking & show bloodlines, \$150/1-up. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 519-0231.

Boer goats, breeding age males, \$85/1; bred nannies, \$150/1; nannies, w/kids, variable prices. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. IBGA fb doe, born 3/2/03, ready for breeding, \$300. Pat Carriere, Carencro; (337) 896-3808.

Reg. IBGA fb Boer buck, showing in 4-H, breeding bloodline Mr. Bingo & Kalani, born 4/01/05, red cape, \$250. R. Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-6264.

Reg. 93.75% Boer buck, born 1/21/05, \$175. J. M. Miller, Sunset; (337) 896-0141 or (337) 662-3679.

Boer goats, 70% & up, (1) buck, (1) little buck, does bred, \$150/1-up. J. A. Roberts, Columbia; (318) 649-2965.

(3) young billy goats, tame, \$75/1 or \$55/1 if all purchased. Lea Wortmann, Pearl River; (985) 863-0575.

(4) reg. Katahdin hair sheep ewes, (1) born 2/28/05, w/papers, \$150; (3) born 3/8/05, w/papers, \$150. Beverly Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4719.

(2) Pygmy goats, 2 mo. bucks, 3 different colors to choose from, \$50/1. Vincent Losavio, Torbert; <http://www.geocities.com/frisco-farms> or (225) 625-4439.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

AKC mini dachshund pups, Isabella, chocolate, chocolate dapple, also beautiful litter of chocolate

piebald, lifetime health guarantee, all pups well socialized & will make great family pets, \$300/1-up; CKC Jack russell pups, short legged cuties, great pets \$250/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

ABCA border collie pups, out of imported bloodlines, used for working sheep & cattle, 9/5/05, \$350/1. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. Jack Russell pups, \$200. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041.

NALC Catahoula pups, born 9-8-05, leopards, glass eyes, had all shots, \$150/1. B. Bergeron, Eunice; (337) 546-6630.

Mini-pin male dog, 4 mos., blk. & tan, CKC reg., \$300. Thomas Harrison, Thibodaux; (985) 448-2349.

CKC reg. Boston terrier, wormed & shots up-to-date, \$250. Julia Wells, Farmerville; (318) 235-9749.

(2) 15" AKC reg. male beagles, (1) 3 years, (1) 7 years, good rabbit or deer dogs, \$300/both. Timothy Hymel, Paulina; (225) 869-3627.

Yellow blk.-mouth curr, 7 mos. male, Grade dog, likes squirrels & stock, Ladner stock, all shots, good mannered, ready for the woods or stock, \$125. B. D. Coker, Stonewall; (318) 925-1571.

Blk.-mouth cur pups, working parents on premises, cattle & hog bloodline. Lemuel Ducote, Plaquemine; (318) 922-3833.

Blk.-mouth cur pups, born 9/21/05, many to choose from, parents on premises & are working dogs, \$75/1. Sammy Fontenot, Iowa; (337) 756-2289.

CKC great Pyrenees pups, born 5/29/05, housed w/goats & gamefowl, parents on premises, \$250/1. Ike Merchant, Lafayette; (337) 267-7883.

Australian blue-heeler pups, from working cattle dogs, \$75/1. William Hatcher, Kentwood; (985) 229-8361.

NSDR & CKC reg. Australian shepherds, blk. & wh., \$150; blue merles, \$200. S. Price, Pollock; (318) 765-2465.

SWINE

Feeder/weaning pigs, corn fed, on concrete, weaning to 200 lbs., \$45/1-up. J. B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Quaker parrots, blue & green babies, breeders, starting at \$65/1-up. James Anderson, Bossier City; (318) 752-9891.

Blue & gold male macaw, pet

or breeder, w/large cage, \$1000; Congo African gray, handfed baby, w/large cage, \$1200. S. Hastings, Lake Charles; (337) 598-2090.

Cockatiels, breeder age & hand fed, grays, pieds, cinnamons, lutinos, albinos, white-face, pearls & most combos all seamless banded & certificate included, \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

Hf baby rainbow lory parrots, 2 mos., (2) avail., very colorful, \$400/1, del. avail. Fran St. Pierre, Tickfaw; (985) 351-3620.

Beautiful normal cockatiels, \$20/1, beautiful lutino lovebirds, \$30/1. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

Rosey Bourke parakeets, prs. only, \$120; Gouldian finches, parent raised, \$150/pr.; ringnecks, \$70/1-up; color bred canaries, males, \$65/1; females, \$55. Billy Brant, Shreveport; (318) 631-9617.

Ringneck dove, normals & wh., \$7.5-\$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20-\$30/pr. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Canaries, females, \$35/1; males, \$45/1-up; also blk. breasted finches, \$8/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

Breeding prs., all sorts of Indian ringnecks, \$200/1-up; blue-front Amazon, pr., \$1450; green-wing macaw pr., \$2600; hundreds of all types of birds, \$10/1-up. Stacey or Lynn, Houma; (985) 876-9910.

Breeding prs., blue & gold macaws, \$1200/pr. Alton Cormier, Rayne; (337) 873-2111.

Indian ringneck parakeets, '04 & '05 hatch, blues, turquoise, green/blue, violet-green/blue, wh. heads, violets, all breeder prs., \$50/1-\$2000/pr. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Doves, ringneck, pings & wh., must sell due to health, \$10/1, make offer on 50 birds. Nina Magers, Natchitoches; (318) 352-8018.

Sun conure, adult male, beautiful plumage, \$75/1 or make offer. Carolyn Winstead, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-6718 or (225) 925-0559.

Lovebirds, all colors & ages, \$25/1-up; or \$20/1 if (10) or more purchased. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

Gorgeous, healthy, fiery red, Eastern/split Rosellas, breeder age, \$200/1. Roan McDaniels, Sunset; (337) 351-2873.

Wanted: citron cockatoo male, \$950. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 519-0231 or (337) 394-6683.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Large Rouen ducks, \$8/1-up. Alvin Auzenne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8483 or (337) 308-0641.

Turkeys, 6 mos.-2 yrs., \$15-\$25/1. Joseph Giaccone, Hammond;

(985) 345-5049.

Bantams, blk. cochins, wh. cochins, silver duckwings, silkies, mottled Japanese, blk. frizzle cochins & wh. frizzle cochins, \$10-\$15/pr.; young chukars, \$4-\$5/1. Joy Chaney, DeQuincy; (337) 786-3530 or (337) 274-1141.

(3) GQF incubators, excel. cond., auto turner, holds 250+ eggs, \$150/1. J. Young, Zachary; (225) 654-0039 or (225) 445-5012.

Mallard ducks, eggs, babies & mature flyers, 50¢-\$10/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-0039 or (225) 445-5012.

Pharaoh quails, golden Manchurian & white, newly hatched to grown, eggs, 15¢/1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$28/doz. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Flying mallards, \$5-\$8/1; guineas, \$8/1. Nell Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Wood ducks, \$15/1; tree ducks, \$20/1; teal, \$20/1; mottled, \$15/1. Rosemary Rachal, Alexandria; (318) 443-6889.

Silkie x jungle fowl roosters, \$6/1; flying mallard Drakes, \$8.5/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

NPPI cert., jumbo brown quail, live, \$2/1; dressed, \$18/doz.; pickled eggs, \$6/pt., \$11/qt.; Texas A & M quail, \$2/1; hatching eggs, \$34/100; jumbo bobwhite quail, live, \$2/1; hatching eggs, \$35/100. Audie Hunt, Montgomery; www.ajsquaildynasty.com or (318) 646-9277.

Caller ducks, small size, gray color, stock out of Minnesota, \$20/pr. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

Muscovy ducks, all young birds, days-3 months old, \$2/1-up. Joe Ponthieux, Hessmer; jponthieux@peoplepc.com or (318) 563-8285.

Extra large Pharaoh quail, 1 wk. to grown birds, 50¢-\$2/1; Tuxedo chocolate quail, 50¢-\$2/1; hatching eggs, \$20/100. Henry Duhe, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-0061.

White-front geese, speckled bellies, \$200/pr.; or \$500/3 prs.; wood ducks & English callers also. Louis Poche, Jr., Hessmer; (318) 563-8230.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, live, \$2/1; dressed, \$28/doz.; pickled eggs, \$6/pt.; eggs, \$20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

Turkeys, royal palms & Bourbon reds, \$10-\$25; 2 mos.-1 yr. guineas, wh., pearl & pied, \$3-\$5/1; young mallard ducks, pb, \$5; young Muscovy ducks, \$5/1. Steve Delk, Hahnville; (985) 783-2404.

Baby guinea keets, guineas eat ticks & other insects, great watchdogs, fun to watch, \$3/1. Ronnie Guitreau, Gonzales; (225) 677-8964.

Muscovy ducks, over (100) hen pullets, \$7-\$9/1; assorted geese, African, wh. Embden & Toulouse, \$30/pr.; bantams, \$5/1; assorted roosters, \$5/1; game hens, \$10/1. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-

4949.

Chickens, guineas & ducks, \$50/1-up. C. Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

Wanted: bantams, chickens or any type of chickens. S.W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616.

Wanted: (75) 8 mo. pullets, barred rock, buff Orpingtons, blk. Australorps, Araucana/Americana, Rhode Island reds, (11) male, (10) female, 1 yr. broad-breasted turkey, (11) male, (20) female mallard ducks, (12) male, (12) female African geese 1 yr., (100) male, (100) female, 1 yr. purple pearl guineas, (6) male, (6) female, 1 yr. blue pearl peacocks, will trade rd. bales of hay. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

PIGEONS

Texas Pioneer pigeons, large stock, \$60/pr. Robert Cheramie, Kentwood; (985) 229-8585 or (985) 229-8606.

Racing homer pigeons, various colors, \$5/1 & \$10/prs.; Birmingham rollers, \$5/1 \$10/prs.; pheasant pigeons, \$6/1-up. D. Johnson, Baton Rouge; (225) 356-6517.

Pigeons, tumblers, \$10/pr. J. Prejean, Scott; (337) 873-6643.

Wh. homers & saddle back homers, \$5/1 or \$12/prs. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Selling out, NZW, Calif., checkers & Flemish, proven breeding does & bucks, \$15/1; 6+ wks., \$7/1; cages, waterers & feeders, \$10/1. Timothy Hymer, Paulina; (225) 869-3627.

Pb NZ, NZW & checkered crosses, breeders & fryers, \$15/1-up. J. McBride, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

DEER & EXOTICS

4 yr. whitetail buck, 10 point, 150 class, 19" spread, \$1800. Brett McNabb, Welsh; (337) 734-4503.

Fallow, blk. buck, big wh. tails & others, \$400/1-up. Jeff Swank, Delhi; (318) 878-4375 or (850) 519-1129.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Pillow crawfish cages, \$300; diesel pump, \$100. Ray Couvillon, Abbeville; (337) 893-1996 or (337) 523-3228.

FARM SERVICES

Custom grazing & care, replacement heifers taken in sets of 5-50 head, Dec.-April, based on 45¢/lb. of gain, all vacc. must be completed before arrival. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Dozer, backhoe, land clearing & raking. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

Dog training, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Land clearing, dirt work, ponds, house pads, forestry construction. Jeff Nelson, Ashland; (318) 544-9090.

Will graze stocker cattle on ryegrass & clover pasture. Harvey Gonsoulin, New Iberia; (337) 229-9058.

Wanted: farm worker, welding, machinery & mechanics, able to operate & do maintenance on trac. & equipment, full or part time. Ron Melancon, St. Amant; (601) 888-3224.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

30 acres in Pride, setup for farm w/mobile home hookup, will sell mobile home separately, w/subdivide, \$7500/acre. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

Jackson Parish, 27 acres, (4) chicken houses, (2) retrofitted, (2) will have to be, (3) bedroom house, pond, tractor, equip. & generator, \$475,000. James Masters, Jonesboro; (318) 259-7747.

32 acres in Arnaudville, on Hwy. 93, (4) fenced pastures, w/large barn & kitchen, roping pen, round pen, trac. included, \$350,000. J. Knox, Lafayette; (337) 233-4366.

Evangeline Parish, 3.5 miles west of Ville Platte, 32.12 acres, 539' borders La. Hwy 10 on North & 533' borders Parish Rd. 7-15 on the South, land is in soybeans, \$4000/acre. Velma Bergeron, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4214.

Evangeline Parish, Ville Platte, 17.59 acres, more or less, 942' borders La. 167 on the east, land is in pasture, \$5000/acre. V. Bergeron, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4214.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

All kinds of plants, bushes, trees, roses, lilies, etc., all in pots, hundreds to choose from, \$1-\$20/1. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Pine straw, machine baled, clean, del. avail., \$4/1. Ronald Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 933-7753.

Birdhouse & dipper gourd, cushaw green stripe, 30-seed packet, \$1.5/pkt. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Celeste & brown turkey fig, 5', \$8/1; southern magnolia, 5', \$15/1; Jelly palms, 3-gal., \$12/1; pygmy date palms, 3-gal., \$12; windmill palms, 3-gal., \$12/1; 1-gal., \$5/1; monkey grass, 3 qt. tufts, \$1/1. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, also crabapple, sago palms, jelly palms, Mexican plum, native magnolia & burr oak, \$10-\$35/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2-gal., \$9.50/1, 20 varieties, SASE for list, will ship. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Elliott pecan, 5', 6-gal., grafted, \$25 at place. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Wanted: strawberry plants for fall planting, approx. (1000) plants. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616.

Wanted: (50) bare-root strawberry plants, for Nov. 1. Louis Champagne, Parks; (337) 845-4765.

HAY & GRAIN

5X5 ½ rd. bales, fert. grass, \$30/1; rice straw, \$20/1, will load. James Leger, Eunice; (337) 207-5895.

Bahia grass, weed free, fert., cured w/o rain, behind baler, \$3.5/1; 5x6 rd. bales, \$35/1. Delos Thompson, Jr., Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

Argentine Bahia, horse quality, sq. bales, behind baler, \$3.5/1; 4x4 rd. bales, behind baler, \$22; out of barn, \$25. Richard Reed, Independence; (985) 878-2330.

Bahia hay, 6x5 rd. bales, in field, \$20/1; in barn, \$25/1. Mike Patanella, Independence; (985) 878-9765 or (985) 687-5030.

(100) 4x5 rd. bales Bahia hay, well cured, leave in my barn until needed, \$2600. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Large rd. bales of Bahia grass hay, cut '05, \$30/1. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

2005 fert. Jiggs Bermuda sq. bales, in barn, \$3.95/1; behind baler, \$3.45. Keith Cahanin, Rayne; (337) 257-2469 or (337) 873-6607.

Alicia/Bahia/Coastal/Tifton-44, all mixed hay, 4x5 rd. bales, \$22/1 at farm or delivered. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

Premium quality Alicia Bermuda grass horse hay, super clean, fert. to soil test, large tight bales, in barn, del. avail., \$4/bale; pine wood shavings, in 10 cu./ft. bags, \$5/1. Roy Varnado, Iota; (337) 824-3887.

5x5 rd. bales Bahia, \$15/1; Bahia sq. bales, behind baler, \$1.75; in barn, \$3/1. Lloyd Powers, Gonzales; (225) 647-3406.

High protein Bermuda Sumrall 007 horse hay, sq. bales, sprayed for weeds & fert. to soil specs., located near Kentwood, \$4/1-up. Johnny Alford, Baton Rouge; (225) 907-6863.

Sumrall 007 Bermuda, 4x5 rd. bales, limed & fert., in barn, \$18/1. R. W. Walley, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-0153.

4x4 rd. bales, of high quality Bahia grass hay, cured w/o rain & kept in barn, \$20/1. Sonny Ridgell, Tickfaw; (985) 345-1128.

2005 fert. Bahia hay, del. avail., rd., \$20/1; sq., \$2.75/1. Chad Lasseigne, Port Allen; (225) 413-9138.

2005 Bahia hay, in shed, on pallets, \$30/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

8' Vicon hay cutter, less than 200 hrs. on cutter, excel. cond., \$3900; J20 Ditch Witch, in good shape, ready to work, w/trailer, \$3650. Gary Burns, Mansfield; (318) 872-3518.

JD 375 rd. baler, pull w/50 hp trac., excel. cond. and Bilt Rite big wheel rake, caddy-type, hyd. fold, 3 yrs., used very little, both are field ready, \$9000/both. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

M 8200 Kubota trac., w/front-end loader, 4wd, 2 yrs., 500 hrs., excel. cond., \$26,000. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Hesston 5530, rd. hay baler, \$2500; Vicon hay mower, 4 rotary cutters, \$1200; old Ford rake, \$00. Chester Chandler, Calvin; (318) 727-8302.

JD bush hog, MX10, purchased (new) 11/01, \$3400. Robert Stewart, Franklinton; (985) 848-5668.

JD model 2040 trac., M & W disc cutter, JD sickle mower, JD 1-row planter, \$7000, trac. not sold

separately. Nolton Menard, Opelousas; (337) 351-1396.

NH TC29 trac., w/only 167 hrs., 5' bush hog & 5' landscape box blade, \$7800. E. W. Carpenter, Shreveport; (318) 938-7432.

1955 red CVB trac., good cond., \$1800; assorted parts for Gravely trac., \$100. M. J. Montagnino, Zachary; (225) 654-2473.

JD 4840, c/h/a, duals, quick hitch, chemical tanks & racks, good shape, ready to work, owned by little old lady, worth \$15,000, will take, \$13,500; with 21' Bush Hog disc, \$15,000. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

JD 9910 cotton picker, green top, new head overhaul, not used in a few yrs., don't need, \$1200; 6-row rolling cult., good shape, \$500, will trade any or all. Percell Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

766 Int. trac., '75 model, 85 hp PTO, 1-owner trac., recondition, ready for the field, \$6200. Alvin Rachal, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6641 or (337) 831-1102.

7' sidewinder bush hog, tire driven pull-type, very good shape, \$950. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

Kubota F3060 4x4, 6' cut, 630 hrs., like new, 30 hp, 4 cyl. diesel, \$8000. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche; (225) 637-3375 or (225) 625-4580.

1984 model Ford 340 B front loader & box blade, \$7000. Bobby Hood, Shreveport; (318) 687-0811.

Drott excavator on 4 rubber tires, \$6500 obo; 350 Belarus trac., \$3500 obo. Rimes LaBorde, Jr., Westwego; (504) 430-4642 or (504) 431-8074.

678 NH baler, 5x5, like new, hardly used, less than 1000 lbs., 3 yrs. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

(3) Cole 1-row planters & fertilizer, 3 pt. hookup, \$200. Larry Coody, Boyce; call after 5 p.m. (318) 793-4901.

(2) 5 hp Briggs & Stratton engines, brand new, \$125/1. L. Coody, Boyce; call after 5 p.m. (318) 793-4901.

JD 4640, 160 hp, dual wheels, cab/air, power shift, quick hitch, complete overhaul on engine, (2) 150-gal. poly tanks, w/racks & hyd. pump, \$14,000; 400-bushel Caldwell grain cart, \$1200; 100-bushel Rayne Plane grain cart, \$500; Int. 854 5-row corn header, \$1000. Dale Moreau, Prairieville; (225) 673-9797.

JD 9600 combine, 2500 hrs., 924 flex header, field ready, \$38,500. Patrick Kline, Loranger; (985) 748-8143.

JD 920 rigid header, \$2250. P. Patrick Kline, Loranger; (985) 517-0757.

JD 6-row, 7100 plateless planters, w/finger pickups, insecticide boxes, row cleaners, spray rig, \$2000; 2" water pump, w/Briggs engine, hoses included, \$200; 6-row spray rig, \$200; 12-row spray rig, \$500. D. Moreau, Prairieville; (225) 673-9797.

140 Int., w/front plow tools, \$2700; yellow & wh. Cub w/plow tools or belly mower, \$1800, extra Cub parts avail. J. Cooper, Jena;

(318) 992-2206.

Yellow & wh. Cub, \$2100; choice belly mower or plow tools, red Cub w/pan plow, \$800. 5' bush hog, \$400. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

Cunningham hay conditioner, \$150; stationary disc, 4 wings, 5 blades, \$150; heavy disc swing, 2 wings, \$150. Chester Chandler, Calvin; (318) 727-8302.

8760 JD 4 wd, 300 hp, rebuilt engine, \$33,000; JD 10' cutter, 3 pt. hitch, \$2800. Gable Cormier, Lake Charles; (337) 794-3236.

Woods/Gill heavy-duty rollover R series box scraper, rolls from cutting edges to teeth, 65" wide, 30-60 hp, \$500. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

Case IH 7140 cab/air, 5959 hrs., duals, R-2, Bush Hog 3860 QT loader, w/forks & bucket, 3214 Bush Hog cutter, 15', \$22,500/all. Jim Bulliard, Jr., St. Martinville; (337) 278-2699 or (337) 394-9991.

Case IH 8950 MFWD, 3600 hrs., duals, 20.8 R42, R25, cab/air, 200 hrs., on new Case IH engine, 1 yr. warranty, installed 4/18/05, \$59,000. Carmen Bulliard, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6773 or (337) 394-9991.

1999 JD 6400 cab/air, new engine, excel. cond., \$28,500 obo. Monty Gore, St. Amant; (225) 622-3257.

Bionic-type grader blades, new 5', \$575; 5', \$660; 7', \$784; 7' commercial, \$1250. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

JD 8820, excel. cond., field ready, w/222 rigid & flex headers, \$16,000; 500 bushel, A & L grain cart, excel. cond., \$500. Bieber Farms, Mamou; (337) 468-4490.

Mahindra 485, 50 hp trac., 7 yrs., 1000 hrs., canopy top, \$5000 obo. Cody Adickes, Jennings; (337) 658-7466.

150-gal. sphere butane tank, in good cond., except valve cover needs a little work, \$175. Walter LeBoeuf, Kaplan; (337) 643-2611.

Cat 426 backhoe, new motor, \$10,000; Case 885, 43 hp, \$3700; Int. 484, 42 hp, \$3500; MF 255, 50 hp, \$3500. David Pellerin, Lafayette; (337) 278-2943 or (337) 989-1166.

JD 4630 turbo, 160 hp, good rubber, good cond., low hrs., very strong trac., canopy, duals or single, \$8500. Myron Mayard, Lake Charles; (337) 274-8405.

MF 255, 50 hp, good cond., canopy, new front tires, 2 wd, \$3800. M. Mayard, Lake Charles; (337) 274-8405.

JD 4620 trac., 2-post canopy, duals, quick hitch, Syncro-range trans., good trac., \$9000; IH 480 disc, 21', manual fold wings, \$2000. David Charrier, Monterey; (318) 386-7238 or (318) 452-3343.

1951 MT JD, runs well, fair sheet metal, good tires, \$2500; Ford 3000, gas, looks good, good tires, runs well, \$3500. S. Harper, Sieper; (318) 793-4285.

21' disc, \$300; JD 3010 trac., \$4900. Paul Comeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-7500.

Ford 134 cu/in. gas block, \$695; reworked head, \$625; rad., \$125; 4 spd. trans., 600 model, \$750; 190 XT diesel head, \$200. James Degeyter, Arnaudville; (337) 754-7682.

NH 638 rd. baler, 4x4, excel. cond., always shedded, put as much twine as you want on a bale, baled less than 900 bales, \$9500. Mark Vining, Amite; (985) 748-8524 or (985) 748-7648.

Ford 5000, \$5500; JD, 62 hp, \$6500; Kubota, 18 hp, \$2700; Ford 6700, w/loader, \$7500. Joe Major, Church Point; (337) 684-6474 or (337) 945-6969.

Ford 1984 8700, 115 hp, front-end loader, homemade canopy, approx. 6000 hrs., still using in hay field, \$6500. Joe Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457

JD 7100, 10-row planter, \$1000; (3) IH 480 discs, \$500/1; S & N 56' spray boom, \$500; KBH 6500-gal fert. tank, \$1500; 500-bushel JD grain cart, \$2000; 32' Melrose field cult., \$500. Wendell Wiley, Vick; (318) 253-6380.

12-blade drag-type disc, cuts great, fair cond., \$175. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

Ford 3000 diesel trac., p/s, 8 spd. 40 PTO hp, \$4500; Ford 3600 diesel trac., 8 spds., 40 PTO hp, low hrs., \$4900. D. Barrare, Moreauville; (318) 997-2581.

MF w/loader, 51 PTO hp, 1200 hrs., \$8900; Ford 555E loader backhoe, low hrs., late model, \$19,500; Komatsu mini excavator, \$8500. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

5488 Int. 175 hp, cab/air, \$7500; JD 450D dozer, \$19,500; JD 310C backhoe, \$16,500; JD, w/loader, 40 hp, \$8750. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

W&A 8-row hipper, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway, 8-row cult., w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter 8-row w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Case 2390, good cond., w/saddle chem. tanks, 200-gal. fiberglass duals, 20.8-38, 85% rubber, cab/air, \$6200. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland; (225) 405-6965 or (225) 978-3949.

Mold Poison's killer, make offer; Pasture Dream planter, \$3250; Bermuda King Spring Harvester, \$6800; Stephens air planter, \$4850; 6' row cult, \$250; (1) gasoline edger, make offer; special tiller, make offer; Lowes 44' lawnmower, \$400; bathroom sink, make offer; truck muffler, make offer; tiller row maker, make offer. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

2640 JD front-end loader, \$15,000; JD front-end loader, \$6000. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 276-9410.

1997 Mahindra 5575 DI, 55 hp, w/loader & 6' bush hog, 900 hrs., \$12,000. Clint Hollis, Doyline; (318) 745-9940.

130 hp 7020 Allis Chalmers tractor, in good field cond., has 540 PTO, 2 sets hyd. plugs, \$4100, will trade for 15'-20' bush hog, or 3-6 yr. red crossbred cows. Stuart Gardner, Sunset;

(337) 668-4255.

Wanted: trade 1981 Ford F-150, 4 wd, V8 pickup truck for trac. that runs or 4 wheeler. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

Wanted: used 3 pt. quick hitch. Pete Touchet, Jennings; (337) 824-2020 or (337) 912-1401.

Wanted: JD 830, 2 cyl., in good cond. R. McNeal, Jr., Effie; (318) 253-4891.

Wanted: Ford 8-N, in good running cond., w/3 pt. hitch, for attaching a grass cutter. Walter LeBoeuf, Kaplan; (337) 643-2611.

Wanted: old trac.-type cane harvester & sugarcane grapple to fit track hoe. B. Dauzat, Effie; (318) 201-2349 or (318) 253-9242.

Wanted: old iron-wheel tracs., the kind w/iron cleats for grips. Brian Fournet, Breau Bridge; (337) 237-5423.

Wanted: (2) 13-6-46 trac. tires, at least 75%-80% rubber, high clear field tires. Shirles Champagne, Sr., St. Martinville; (337) 845-4450.

Wanted: good crank shaft for JD 5020 trac., '68 model. Rick Cureington, Winnsboro; (318) 435-4443.

Wanted: 15' Rhino or Bush Hog brand bush hog. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

Wanted: disc, 8' Monroe Tufline, 3 pt. hitch, box blade, 6' Land Pride, 3 pt. hitch, w/lever operated retractable teeth; "L" shaped alum. fuel tank, w/12 volt pump, 110 gal. Robert LeMaster, Sr., Summit; MS; (601) 684-4540.

Wanted: 5' or 6' bush hog, 2 or 3 gang disc, manure spreader, PTO driven post-hole digger, one-row planter. Johnny Horton, Quitman; (318) 395-8450.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1982 IH 9670, 250 Cummin, 10 spd., good grain or cane truck, \$5000; '80 CL9000 Ford C.O.E. 350 cat, 13 spd., 24.5 Budds, \$2000. Ray Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 939-5711.

1983 Jeep J-10 pickup, 4 wd, w/high & low range, Warn winch, 4 new S/M tires, & rims, (4) extra tires mounted, great cond., \$7500 obo. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

(4) 2003 Chevrolet Silverado truck tires & rims w/6 holes, Goodyear P275/75R16 tires in good shape, \$250. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

1993 Ford Ranger, 4x4, 147,000 miles, runs good, good brakes & tires, extended cab, auto trans., \$2750. Chris Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 945-4073 or (337) 351-2484.

Dodge Ram 1500 van, V6, power brakes, power steering, a/c, am/fm, new paint, new tires, handicapped access, \$20,000. Larry Common, Gretna; (504) 366-7951 or (504) 427-4256.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

2005 Ponderosa, 10' bumper trailer, 2-horse, 10'x6'x6'6", saddle storage, 3500 lb. axle, \$3288. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2005 Ponderosa gooseneck trailer, 16'x6'x6'6", was \$4388, now, \$3988, blue in color. C. Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

(2) 38' Trailmobile grain trailers, both in good cond., \$3500 & \$2800. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland; (225) 405-6965 or (225) 978-3949.

1997 gooseneck brand cattle trailer, 20'x6'8" wide, excel. cond., \$5000. Kyle Fontenot, Mamou; (337) 599-2833 or (337) 523-2513.

Tandem cattle trailer, 8'x5', \$475; fert. distributor, 8' long, pull-type, \$150; hay trailer, tandem, 24'x8' (inside measurement), \$400. Jerry Villemarette, Mansura; (318) 253-9706.

16' gooseneck cattle trailer, \$1600. B. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$700-\$1650. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

2005 Ponderosa, 2-horse bumper trailer, slant load, mats, pads, drop windows, full escape gate, spare, wood lining, \$5900. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

35' Sundowner 3-horse slant, 12' short wall, living quarters, 3' mid tack, mangers & hay rack w/rear tack, \$35,000. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041 or (337) 288-1859.

20' bumper-pull, low boy, 6'10 wide, 6000 lb. axles, elec. brakes, loading ramps, like new, \$2800. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

1998 Sooner 3-horse, slant load, gooseneck trailer, drop-down windows, rear tack w/weekend package, living quarters, excel. cond., \$14,000. Carl Lege, Duson; (337) 873-3206.

1993 Gooseneck steel trailer, 2-horse slant, living quarters, with a/c & rear tack area, \$3000. Linda Barnes, Bastrop; (318) 281-8675.

1985 Great Dane Reefer, 48', Thermo King unit, \$8000; (2) 48' flatbed trailers, new paint, pilot hubs, 22.5 headboards, sliding winches, tool boxes, \$6500. Ray Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 939-5711.

20' flatbed gooseneck trailer, single wheel tandem axle, \$1500. Clint Hollis, Doyline; (318) 745-9940 or (318) 670-1065.

Small Sears 2-wheel pull trailer, w/built in 65-gal. water tank & pump, (2) small propane bottles, about 80 lb. propane tank, (3) G.I. Jerry gas cans, \$300. Chester Chandler, Calvin; (318) 727-8302.

1999 Sundowner 8010, 4-horse slant, w/living quarters, mid tack, mangers, rear saddle compartment, a/c, heat, refrigerator, stereo system, w/CD & much more, \$37,000. Dexter Coco, Alexandria; (318) 715-8571.

(3) horse strait-load trailer, w/complete sleeper, in great cond., ready to use w/generator, \$4500. Ron West, Ville Platte; (337) 224-3002.

(2) horse trailer, w/large sleeper recently redone, w/ac, in good cond., \$3000. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

(2) 10' wide, by 40' long cotton trailers, \$1050/1; 8' wide trailers, \$950/1. R. T. Faulk, Monroe; (318) 340-0680.

(2) 53' trailers, good cond., ready for the road, \$10,000/1; alum. 5-horse slant trailer, \$10,000; 28' gooseneck cattle trailer, \$2500. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 276-9410.

Wanted: bumper pull stock trailer, w/tandem axles, reasonably price, minor repairs O.K. Larry Coody, Mora; call after 5 p.m. (318) 793-4901.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Grist mill, \$1200. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$130/1; larger model, \$160/1. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

(2) 600-bushel grain tanks, w/unloading augers, \$1200; ditching machine-Ditch Witch, R-40, w/new engine, boring unit, drill pipe, augers & trailer, \$14,500; Mayrath PTO driven grain auger, 6'x35', \$1200. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

6' Windmill, 50' tower, some damage, \$600. T. Smith, Denham Springs; (225) 664-3227.

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2 3/8" pipe, 65¢/ft.; 1 1/2" pipe, 50¢/ft.; 4 1/2" pipe, \$1.5/ft.; 3/4" & 7/8" sucker rods, \$8/1. Adrian Landry, Pierre Part; (985) 252-9618.

Corral panels, all 18 gauge, 16' panels, \$64.5/1; 12' panels, \$56/1; 10' panels, \$54/1. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

Used steel pipe, LT wall, 4", \$2/ft.; 6", \$3/ft.; 8", \$4/ft.; 10", \$5/ft.; 12", \$7/ft.; 16", \$10/ft.; 20", \$12/ft.; 24", \$15/ft. Joey or Chris, Port Allen; (800) 340-9428.

10' feed troughs, \$110; 5' feed troughs, \$89; 300-gal. water trough, \$219; 150-gal. water trough, \$129.99; 100-gal. water trough, \$80-\$100. C. Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

Cypress lumber, various widths & lengths, rough sawn, great for exterior projects, some kiln dried for interior projects, 60¢/board ft. Ricky Vines, Winnfield; (318) 827-9615.

Wood file cabinet, 4-drawer, \$25; 2-drawer metal file cabinet, \$15; metal desk, \$25; pipe stock rack, for LWB Dodge, in 4 sections, \$75. M. J. Montagnino, Zachary; (225) 654-2473.

Lowes 5 hp tiller, rear tines, \$225; Homemade cattle head catcher, \$25. M. J. Montagnino, Zachary; (225) 654-2473.

Courts roping saddle, w/accessories, 16", paid \$1000, barely used, \$700. Ryan Aucoin, Baton Rouge; (225) 413-5012.

150-gal. Rubbermaid water trough, w/float, \$90; (2) 10' & (2) 14' brown tube gates, like new, 10', \$50/1; 14', \$65/1; (2) trailer axles, w/4 new tires & rims, hitch, jack & enough angle iron to build 20' trailer, \$300. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

4" heavy wall pipe, 10'-12' long, \$2/ft.; 110-volt shallow-well water pump, motor & tank for WW Grainger, never used, \$200. Keith Matte, Branch; (337) 296-6798.

2 7/8" drill pipe, 90¢/ft. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Galv. corral panels, del. avail., 5'x10', \$45/1 or \$1050/25; 5'x12' heavy-duty, \$65/1 or \$1550/25; 6'x12' extra heavy-duty, \$75/1 or \$1800/25; 100'x200' arena, with 10' gate, \$2650. Billy Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Galv. rd. pens, 5' tall, all include 4' bow gate, del. avail., 50', \$750; 60', \$850; 6' tall, w/6' gate, \$1080. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Syrup mill, grinder, PTO gear & belt, juice pump, gas burner, pan & juice tank, pushers & skimmers, \$400. Chester Chandler, Calvin; (318) 727-8302.

Branding irons, 0-9 freeze irons & 0-9 fire irons, small propane bottle & burner, \$200; air compressor, \$75; grease gun, \$75; PTO post-hole digger, 1' diameter & 3'6" long, \$250; subsoiler, \$30; welding machine, \$150. C. Chandler, Calvin; (318) 727-8302.

250 amp diesel Lincoln welding machine, w/3000 watt generator, excel. cond., no collect calls, \$2500. Guy Owens, West Monroe; (318) 361-0486.

Foley Bell saw, portable sawmill, 540 PTO driven, 48" inserted tooth circle blade, has motor to go with it, \$7500. Buddy Wise, Lecompte; (318) 487-5861 or (318) 443-9963.

New galvanized panels, with mud boots, all include 4' bow gate, 7 bars, 16 gauge, 40' rd. pen, \$730; 50', \$895; 60', \$1115. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

48' lumber tarps, like new, \$600. Ray Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 939-5711.

500-gallon fuel tank, freshly painted, not on skids, \$150. Lawrence Cramer, Branch; (337) 783-4313.

(2) 15" Western saddle, like new cond., \$225/1. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

Briggs & Stratton 4400 watt Homelite generator, 8 hp, good cond., \$350. Ralph Robinson, Ida; (318) 284-3530.

Cattle feeders, all are built on skids, w/metal tops, 4x4, \$175; 4x6, \$200; 4x8, \$225; 4x8 self feeders, \$450. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616.

Wanted: old gristmill or old millstones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; rleaves@email.com or (334) 289-8906.

Wanted: used "T" posts, used tin and forklift bars to fit on the front-end loader of a 30 hp trac. Randy Miller, Eunice; (337) 546-6537.



All natural goat milk soap, very good for your skin, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents, \$4/1. Melanie Blackmer, Lake Charles; www.hometown.aol.com/pdav-enp913 or (337) 478-2208.

Wanted: vendors for Saturday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Charlestown Market, 1001 Ryan St., Lake Charles, produce, homemade food items, baked goods, candies, homemade crafts, honey, eggs, nuts, plants, etc., every Saturday. Sandra Bullock, Westlake; (337) 436-0579.

Wanted: vendors for Saturday morning St. Martinville Creole Farmers' Market, homemade food items, food & fresh from the farm products, crafts welcome, no vendor fee. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6683 or (337) 519-0231.

Wanted: old sugar or syrup ket-

les, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

Wanted: lumber, truckload quantities of boards to build mats, any good hardwood, full cut 2"x7 3/4" in 8', 14' & 16' lengths, 50,000-100,000 board/ft. per month. Fred Davies, Lake Charles; (337) 433-7295.



Old Mount Lebanon Day and chili cook-off will be held Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Stagecoach Trail Museum. Mount Lebanon is located 3 miles south of Gibsland at the crossroads of Hwy. 154, 517 & Stagecoach Trail in Bienville Parish. For more information call (318) 843-6255 or (318) 843-6658.

Other Fairs & Festivals: Greater Baton Rouge State Fair, Baton Rouge, Oct. 27-Nov. 6;

Sabine Freestate Festival, Florien, Nov. 4-6; Bastrop Fall Arts & Craft show, Bastrop, Nov. 5; Louisiana Renaissance Festival, Robert, Nov. 5-Dec. 11 (weekends); Southdown

Marketplace, Houma, Nov. 5; Abbeville's Giant Omelet Celebration, Abbeville, Nov. 5-6; Port Barre Cracklin Festival, Port Barre, Nov. 10-13.

Hay For Sale?

If you have hay for sale and would like to be listed in the **Market News Hay Directory**, complete the information on the form below and return no later than Nov. 25 to Market News, Attention: Marilyn Mayeux, P.O. Box 3334, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3334.

Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Parish: _____

Telephone: hm () _____ wk () _____

Bale type (check one or both) rd. _____ sq. _____

Hay condition: excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ poor ___

Comments: _____

Kentucky sends feed to Louisiana cattlemen

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A second load of livestock feed from Kentucky was sent to hurricane-battered farmers near the Gulf Coast.

A truck carrying 23 tons of feed was delivered to Louisiana State University's Iberia agriculture research station in Jeanerette in south-central Louisiana. From there it was distributed to area livestock producers.

The feed was loaded Oct. 13 at Otis Bryant & Son Farm Supply near Caneyville in Grayson County onto a truck donated by Hinkle Contracting of Paris. Butler County FFA and beef producer Russell Hackley of Grayson County each donated two tons of feed. The Owensboro Apollo and Daviess County FFA chapters each donated a ton. The feed mill donated three tons and sold the rest at cost.

Wayne Wyatt, a professor at the Iberia research station, said the feed will buy time for farmers in the area to make decisions about their immediate future.

"I think we've solved the immediate issue of saving cattle. Now people are making decisions about whether they think they can feed their cattle through the winter or whether they need to sell out," Wyatt said. "Some of these people lost their homes at the same time. That's quite a bit of stress. For them to make good, informed decisions right now is really difficult. That feed will give these people some breathing room."

Wyatt said hay in the area either

was destroyed, floated away or "soaked up water like a sponge," rendering it unusable. Some bermudagrass pastures are trying to come back, but the cattle are hesitant to eat it, Wyatt said, and some pastures still are under water.

"Our farmers are resilient and self-reliant, but they need help," Wyatt said.

A load of feed and fencing from Kentucky arrived in Mississippi two weeks ago. Another load of fencing is being assembled.

Kentucky farm organizations, businesses and individuals have given more than 18 tons of feed and more than \$12,000 in financial contributions to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's drive for farm supplies for farmers affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Other partners include Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Anderson Circle Farm, the Hardin County Cattlemen's Association, the Kentucky Dairy Development Council, the Kentucky Pork Producers Association, the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, Lincoln Trail Area Homemakers of Springfield, the Owen County Conservation District and the Shelby County Cattlemen's Association.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is continuing to monitor the situation in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, and will plan future donations and work crews as needed.

Odom tours hurricane areas with U.S. House Ag members

In mid-October, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom met with Chairman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia and 12 members of the U.S. House of Representatives' Agriculture Committee, including Rep. Charlie Melancon of Napoleonville and Rep. Charles Boustany of Lafayette, as they toured areas of the state ravaged by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

After beginning their trip at a grain elevator with discussions concerning grain storage and movement through the port of New Orleans, some members of the group flew over agriculture areas, homes and land damaged by Katrina. Next, all members of the group flew over areas affected by Rita. Finally, they traveled to Lafayette where they met more than 50 producers representing each agriculture commodity who had the opportunity to put a face on the damage to Louisiana agriculture and to discuss their losses and needs following both hurricanes.

"It was an opportunity for these Congressional leaders to see firsthand what has happened to agriculture and forestry in Louisiana because of the hurricanes," Odom said. Chairmen of three agriculture subcommittees and a ranking member were among those making the trip.

"I can go to Washington and I can pick up the phone every day to call on these folks, but it really makes a difference when you see the devastation with your own eyes. That's how we'll get the action and the relief we need," Odom said.

Also participating in the agriculture discussion were Ronnie Anderson, president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Chancellor Bill Richardson, LSU AgCenter, Willie Cooper, state director for the USDA's Farm



Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom (center) and U.S. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (right), Virginia, prepare for a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter tour of storm-ravaged south Louisiana. Photo by Michael Danna, Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

Service Agency, Buck Vandersteen, executive director of the Louisiana Forestry Association, Bob Felknor, executive secretary of the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association, and USDA representatives from Washington, D.C.

Odom has met with USDA Secretary Mike Johanns twice since the hurricanes struck. At both meetings he outlined programs and projects that would help get the state's struggling agricultural and forestry industries back on their feet.

"I hope by meeting with these members of Congress today those programs will get the funding they need," Odom said. "Our farmers want to continue farming and providing safe, affordable food and fiber for this nation and the world. But they won't be able to do that if we don't get some help."

Odom asked Johanns and the Congressional members to forgive all federal farm loans and repay farm loans made by banks for one year. He also asked for payments for livestock producers for the animals they lost during the storms.

"I also presented a plan to get a

loan from USDA to buy timber from landowners who had downed trees on their property and then store the timber in a wet facility and sell it when the market could absorb it. The proceeds from the sale would go toward paying off the loan. This would give the landowners immediate access to cash to make the necessary repairs to their property and would keep timber from flooding the market," Odom said. "I never heard back from the USDA and I'm afraid it might be too late to do this now."

Odom said he will continue to meet with USDA and Congressional leaders until a disaster package is available for farmers.

"It's my constitutionally sworn duty to promote and protect Louisiana agriculture and forestry. I have to make it known that if we lose our farms and forests, it will be felt all the way from rural Louisiana to downtown Washington, D.C. Farmers and foresters feed us, they clothe us and they provide the materials that make our homes — we cannot depend on foreign interests to do this for us."



COOKERY

Tasty Fall Treats

Spice Cake with Apples

1 box spice cake mix (no pudding)
1 box butter pecan or vanilla instant pudding

4 eggs
1/4 cup oil
1 can apple pie filling
whipped cream

Mix all ingredients together. Spread in lightly greased 9x13 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Cool cake before cutting into squares. Garnish with whipped cream.

Caramel Apple Pie

Part I

1/2 package (24) caramels	1/2 cup sour cream
1 tbsp. milk	2 tsps. sugar
1 (16 oz.) Graham Cracker Ready Crust	1/2 cup chunky applesauce
1/3 cup chopped pecans	2 tsps. vanilla
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese softened	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
	3 1/2 cups whipped cream
	fresh apple slices

Caramel Apple Pie

Part II

Melt caramels with milk in microwave on high for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Stir mixture until smooth. Pour into crust, sprinkle with nuts. Cool. Beat cream cheese, sour cream and sugar until smooth, stir in applesauce, vanilla and cinnamon. Fold in half of the whipped cream. Spread mixture over caramel layer in crust. Chill at least 4 hours. Top with remaining whipped cream, apple slices and melted caramels.

Halloween Honey Puffs

3/4 cup honey	4 tsps. cocoa
3/4 cup sugar	11 cups puffed rice or wheat cereal
2 tsps. butter	3/4 cup coconut

Place honey, sugar, butter and cocoa in saucepan and boil to soft ball stage. Remove from heat. Mix puffed wheat and coconut. Pour syrup over, when cool enough to handle, form into balls and roll in coconut. Wrap in foil.

Apple Caramel Dip

1 bag caramels	1 stick butter or margarine
1 can sweetened condensed milk	1 bag apples

Combine caramels, butter and milk. Melt together in microwave. Stir occasionally while melting. Slice apples and serve with warm dip. Keeps well in refrigerator and just needs to be heated again when serving.

Stuffed Cinnamon Apples

6 apples	1/3 cup pitted dates, chopped
2/3 cup red cinnamon candies	1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
2 cups water	2 tsps. chopped pecans
3 oz. package cream cheese	1 package salad greens
2 tsps. milk	
1 tsp. lemon juice	

Peel and core apples, mix candies and water. Cook until candies are dissolved. Add apples. Simmer, uncovered until tender, about 15 minutes. Chill in syrup for several hours. Blend cream cheese, milk, lemon juice, dates, pineapple and pecans. Drain apples on rack. Place apples on top of salad greens. Stuff center of apples with cream cheese mixture. Serve immediately. Very pretty and delicious.

Chocolate Spiders

4 cups semisweet chocolate baking chips

Melt chocolate chips in top of double boiler. Let stand over the water until water is cool, about 10 minutes. Place wax paper on cookie sheet. Pour chocolate into a pastry bag that is fitted with a 1/8 inch or 1/4 inch tip. Squeeze chocolate onto wax paper in the shape of spiders. If chocolate is runny it needs to be cooled longer. Chill the spiders for about 10 minutes. When hard, peel off wax paper. Store in refrigerator on flat surface.

Coming Your Way

Deep South Stock Horse Show Association will hold an open horse show Oct. 29 at Shady Park Arena in Baton Rouge.

The shows include Western judged and timed events.

Halter begins at 9 a.m., judged at 10:30 a.m. and speed after 1 p.m.

High point and high point reserve awards will be presented at each show. Points will accrue for end-of-the-year awards.

For more information, contact Jenny Redhead at (225) 978-2447.

Silver Spur Riders Club has changed the date and location of its November show due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The show has been rescheduled for 8 a.m. Nov. 13 at the West Calcasieu Arena in Sulphur.

Classes include English, halter, judged Western and speed events.

Stalls, hookups and concessions available.

For more information, contact Renee Jordan at (337) 855-3279.

Pedersen & Pedersen has canceled the auction scheduled for Oct. 29 in Sulphur.

The Eagles Ranch will host a cattle sale at noon Oct. 29 in Goudeau.

About 250 head of registered and commercial bulls, heifers, pairs and 3n1s will be available.

For more information, contact

Ronnie Link at (318) 939-2345.

Calcasieu Horseman's Club will host open horse shows Oct. 30 and Nov. 5 at the Burton Arena in Lake Charles.

The shows are PAC approved and feature four age divisions and classes for special needs riders.

Classes include halter, color, showmanship, leadline, Western and English disciplines, reigning and speed events.

Seven additional shows are planned for the remainder of the year.

For more information, contact (337) 528-9441 or (337) 794-0662.

La. Meat Goat Association will host its annual fall general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at Ryan's in DeRidder.

The meal is provided by LMGA.

A goat show will be held at 8 a.m. Nov. 12 at the Beauregard Parish Fairgrounds. Classes include market, breeding, commercial and AOB.

There will also be a "dress your goat" contest during the show.

For more information, contact Judy Ansetta at (337) 463-6925 or Sandy Odom at (337) 238-0224.

The 11th Annual East Texas Fall Spectacular Sale and 9th Annual Ranch Horse Competition will be held Nov. 25-27 at the George H. Henderson Jr. Expo Center in Lufkin, Texas.

The Ranch Horse Competition will begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday with \$6,000 cash and prizes available for winners.

Sales will be held Friday night, Saturday morning and Sunday morning.

For more information, visit the Web site www.havardsales.com or call (936)634-5217.

Don Knapp, a three-star natural horsemanship instructor, will offer a clinic Dec. 10-13 at the SugArena in New Iberia.

Knapp is certified to assess levels one and two and to teach levels one, two and three.

Cost to attend is \$400 for two days or \$500 for three days.

Auditor tickets are also available at a cost of \$25 for one day, \$40 for two days or \$60 for three days. Admission is free for supervised children, 4-H members and SugArena volunteers with ID.

For more information, contact Cathe Charlier at (337) 857-0297 or ccharlier@cox-internet.com.

High Delta Exotics offers safari park wagon tours the first Sunday of every month at 362 Pickett Lane in Delhi.

The cost is \$15 and a barbecue lunch is also served.

For more information, call 1-888-244-3319.

Landry wins national award

Diana Landry, a marketing specialist for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, was named Reporter of the Year by the National Market News Association at its annual conference in Atlanta in September.

She is only the second woman to receive the award in the organization's 48-year history.

"This is a tremendous honor for Diana and the department she represents," Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom said. "Diana is someone people enjoy working with because she is capable and always willing to help. She is most deserving of this accolade."

Dave Foster, the USDA Louisiana/Mississippi market news director based at the LDAF office in Baton Rouge, nominated Landry for the honor.

"Diana is an example and mentor for all of us," Foster said.

The NMNA is an organization of federal and state market reporters, market news and information specialists, and analysts. Its objective

is to provide agricultural commodity marketing information as the volatile market fluctuates and evolves.

Landry served as president of the NMNA in 1992 when Hurricane Andrew threatened New Orleans, the conference site, two days before the confab.

"But that conference was held and has become the model to emulate since then," Foster said.

Landry was instrumental in developing and boosting the credibility of the national grain and rice reports, Foster said.

She also helped create a code-a-

phone process to facilitate market reporting, which is updated three times daily.

Her main duties as LDAF market reporter are in the livestock, grain and rice markets.

"Diana has been one of our outstanding employees for 28 years," said Odom. "It doesn't surprise me that she was named reporter of the year. I'm just wondering why it took the NMNA this long to recognize her."



Diana Landry

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Louis Glenn begins the arduous task of limb removal at the Vogel's pecan orchard in southern Grant Parish. The Vogels estimate that nearly 50 percent of their trees were damaged.

to double that output for the 2005 harvest.

"There are on years and off years for pecan trees," Vogel said. "This was an on year. It's a phenomenon scientists can't explain. An on year is on for all trees across the United States."

The wind blew from the east when Rita approached the Vogel farm on the morning of September 24. A 9 a.m. survey revealed orchard damage was minimal.

"We thought we had escaped this thing," Vogel said. "But the storm backed around on us. The wind came from the west in the afternoon. That's when we got the 60 to 70 mile-an-hour gusts, and that's what did the damage."

The Vogel's orchards are scattered about southern Grant Parish, but one grove is only 100 yards away from the venerable Fairmont

Plantation home. The house has been in Judy's family for 100 years or so. Bayou LaBorne, long cut off from the nearby Red River for flood control purposes, bisects the Vogel's land and separates the old home from the pecan trees.

By the time Hurricane Rita reached Grant Parish, it had been downgraded to a Category 1 storm, but the winds were more than enough to blow down weakened trees. A thick-trunk pecan tree, situated at the edge of the orchard, lay across the grassy access road that crosses the shallow bayou. The wind ripped a primary branch five feet from its base. Though sap still manages to run through the splintered wood, keeping some of the leaves on the fallen branch green, the tree is essentially destroyed. A dark brown decay, surrounded by otherwise healthy white-pink tissue, is centered in the shattered wood. The tree looks ancient, but Vogel said it is only 50 years old.

What is surprising to the casual observer is that Vogel's young trees, a scant 15 years old with trunks barely a foot in circumference and thirty feet tall, have suffered a fate akin to the old tree.

He examined a major break on one of the junior trees. There is a discolored decay in the fracture similar to the old tree's wound. Vogel is at a loss to explain how an apparently young and healthy tree had developed the decay.

One clue is the injured branch grew away from the main trunk at an acute angle.

He pointed to the brown discoloration.

"This part is already dead," Vogel said. "We try to prune these trees so they won't grow at a bad angle, but it's just the nature of the pecan tree to get this type of decay in the wood."

Because pecan trees are notoriously fragile, limb damage is expected, Vogel explained.

"You're always going to get limb damage in the fall, especially with a bumper crop like this," Vogel said. But the hurricane destruction is devastating.

Despite the damage to the orchards and nut crop, Vogel is fortunate because he markets his pecans through his Plantation Pride retail shop in Alexandria. The shop sells and ships gift tins and baskets of chocolate-covered and other flavored pecans locally and nationally.

But that brings up another question. What about the New Orleans market?

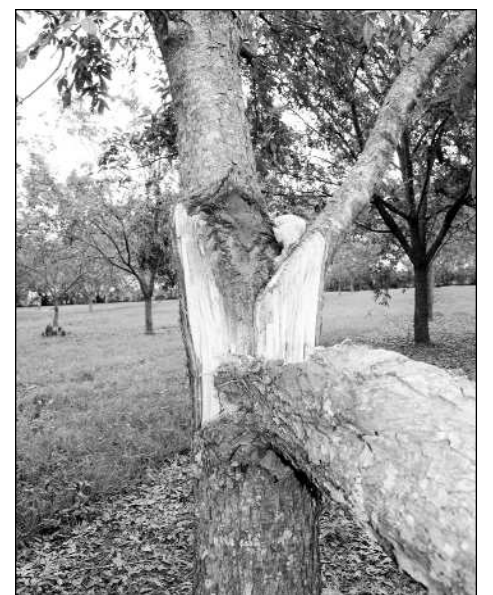
Vogel said he normally mails out more than 5,000 holiday gift catalogs hawking his Plantation Pride pecan line. Nearly 2,000 are sent to the Crescent City.

"I've got a lot of commercial customers in New Orleans," Vogel said. "I don't know what we're going to do about that yet. I'll probably try to contact them in mid-October."

He also has a tree nursery and will be able to



Broken pecan trees, like these (above & at right), are susceptible to breakage from gale force winds.



replace his destroyed trees at minimal expense, but still, a 50 percent reduction in any crop is a tough nut to crack.

Craig Roussel, director of horticulture and quarantine programs for the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, said the department has worked with local nut processors and California agriculture officials to allow Louisiana pecans into the lucrative West Coast market.

"We certify that in-shell and cracked pecan shipments to California have undergone specific treatments in compliance with the California quarantine manual," Roussel said. "Like a lot of hurricane aftermath issues, it will take some time before we have a clearer picture, but it will be a shame if we can't continue to help the pecan industry."

For more information about the Vogel's Plantation Pride Louisiana pecans, call (866) 732-2672 or visit www.plantationpridepecans.com.

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Dates TBA

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Jan. - Dec.
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310 West 2nd Street
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April-July & Sept.-Dec.

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Tallulah Farmers Market
408 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 165
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
8 a.m. - noon, May-Nov.

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Natchitoches
Cane River Green Market
Cane River Bank
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
April - Nov. 15

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#1-700 Magazine St. & Girod St.
Saturday 8 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.
#2 - Uptown Square, 200
Broadway
Tues. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

#3 - French Market Place &
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Wed. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

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1212 Washington St.
Mon. - Sat.
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June - Aug. 20
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Mon. - Sat.
6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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952 East Landry St., Hwy. 90
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
6 a.m. - 11 a.m., Jan.-Dec.

ST. MARTIN PARISH

St. Martinville
St. Martinville Creole Farmers
Market
Evangeline Blvd. & Main St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 12:30, May-Dec.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Covington
Covington Farmers Market
City Hall, 609 North Columbia
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wed. noon - 4 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

Mandeville

Mandeville Trailhead Community
Market
675 Lafitte St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond
Cate Square Farmers Market
Charles St. & Oak St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, Jan. - Dec.

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Houma
Cajun Farmers Market of Houma
- Terrebonne
Tunnel Blvd. & Naquin St.
Mon. - Sat.
6 a.m. - 6 p.m., Jan. - Dec.

WASHINGTON PARISH

Bogalusa
Bogalusa Farmers Market
500 Block of Columbia St.
Sat., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jun. - Oct. 2

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St. Francisville
St. Francisville Farmers Market
agricultural pavilion (4-H Barn)
Wilcox St.
Thurs. 1:30-5:30 p.m., May-Nov.

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Plight of the Pecans

By Sam Irwin

Nearly every aspect of life in Louisiana has somehow been affected by the one-two combination punch of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

From agriculture to oil, education to entertainment, transportation to television, workers have been displaced, crops lost and businesses are hemorrhaging money.

Traditions taken for granted have been disrupted by the angry storms and the effects upon our time-honored customs may not be known for months.

The hard-hat rig workers of the Gulf are repairing broken energy lines; the slow-traveling cane wagons of south Louisiana may not be as full. Instead of celebrating rodeo, the coastal cowboys are dealing with lost and dead cattle. French Quarter tourist mule teams have no visitors to pull.

Even North Louisiana was not spared.

High quality fluffy white cotton lint was ripped from ripened cotton bolls, blown to the red dirt, and lost.

The Red River pecan pickers, more than 150 miles away from the hurricane-spawning waters of the Gulf of Mexico, will have fewer burlap sacks to fill.

Grant Parish pecan growers Tom and Judy Vogel estimate more than 50 percent of their fall nut crop lay on the ground unsalvageable. Adding insult to injury, hundreds of broken limbs from the valuable trees rest among the thousands of pounds of ruined green pecans on the Vogel's 80-acre Fairmont Plantation.

"Every tree is damaged to some degree," Vogel said. "And this was a 70 percent crop."

He cut into a green pecan retrieved from the ground. The shell wound oozed dark tannic acid which stained his hands.

"Can't do anything with that," Tom remarked. "That nut will never ripen. If it had been a nut

that comes out earlier, like a Cheyenne or Pawnee, and the shuck already split, they could be salvaged. You pick them up, let them dry and you could get something for it on the wholesale market."

He shook his head as he looked at the nuts strewn about the ground under a broken tree.

"This is about a 70 percent crop," he reiterated. "All these nuts came off the tree because of Rita."

Vogel explained that a 70 percent yield in the pecan grower lexicon meant a bumper crop.

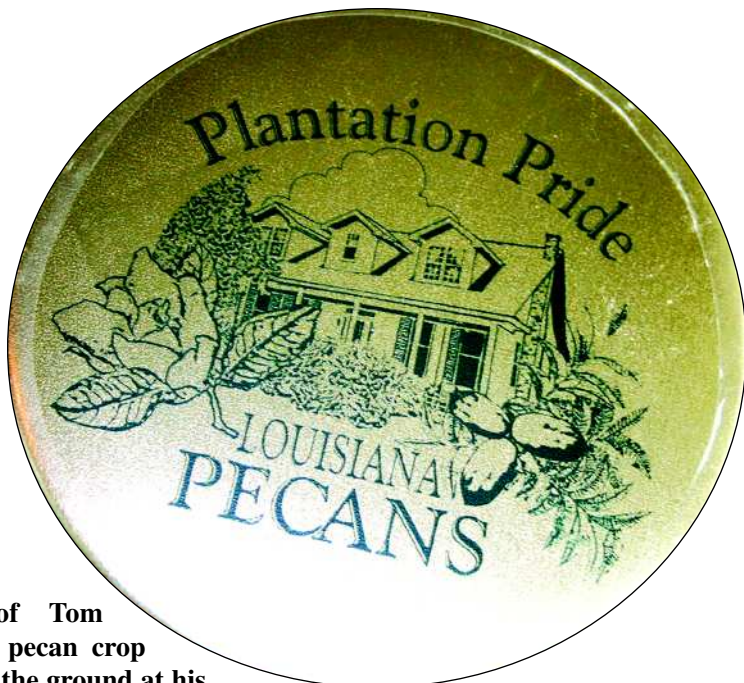
"A pecan tree can only support about a 70 percent crop," he said. "It's a quality thing."

"In late spring we start counting the terminal branches on the tree. If you count ten terminals and there are nuts on each terminal, it's considered 100 percent. Since a tree can only support seventy percent, we basically shake the trees in June or July to thin them down to what we figure is 70 percent."

Vogel admitted the estimation process is highly subjective.

"It's an eyeball thing," he said. "You go through the orchard and say this tree needs to be shaken, but not this one."

Vogel said his orchards produced 30,000 pounds of the buttery nut last year and expected *See Louisiana pecans, page 10*



Half of Tom Vogel's pecan crop lays on the ground at his Grant Parish orchard. The green pecans will not ripen and cannot be salvaged (top). Plantation Pride is the brand name the Vogel's use to market their retail line of Louisiana pecans (above).



Vogel said nearly all pecan trees, young and old alike, develop a brown decay within the trunk. The decay weakens the tree and makes the branches susceptible to breakage during hurricanes and high winds.